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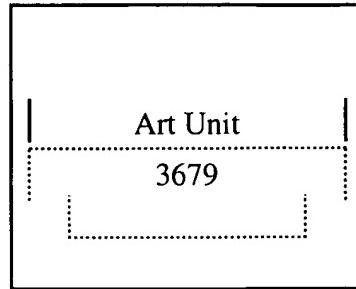
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Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 11 and 17.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 12, and 18 as indicated below.

Claims 1 through 18, excepting claims 11 and 17, remain in the case.

- Sub B>* 1 1. (amended) A die insert for use in ~~die~~ insert confining grooves in slips for use in
2 pipe string handling apparatus, the die insert comprising.
3 a) said die insert [blank] having a front face with pipe gripping teeth and a
4 generally parallel back face;
5 b) textured relief formed on the surface of the back face, for forming and engaging
6 impressions in [the] an opposing surface of [the] a confining slip, when forced
7 against the opposing surface, to add skid resistance between the die insert and the
8 opposing surface of the slip.



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